

# AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO THE FIGHT AGAINST GLOBAL AIDS



*"In its next phase, PEPFAR programs will support a comprehensive, whole-of-government approach in many countries, to increase awareness, reduce stigma, and get services to people at earlier stages. We must support services that are open and accessible to all, regardless of HIV status, sexual orientation, or gender. We will work to end the discrimination and marginalization of most-at-risk populations."*

*— Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton*

The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) was launched in 2003 to combat global HIV/AIDS, and is the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease in history. Under PEPFAR, the U.S. Government has already committed more than \$25 billion to the fight against global HIV/AIDS.

## Country-Level Leadership for a Sustained Response

America is committed to making sure global health investments are lasting. To achieve this end, the U.S. is placing a renewed emphasis on supporting partner country ownership of AIDS programs and ensuring the sustainability of local efforts. This emphasis will also maximize our development efforts and expand opportunity to more people in more places around the world.

PEPFAR will increase support for partner government capacity to plan, oversee and manage programs; to deliver quality services with the participation of local civil society and communities; and ultimately, to finance health programs. Strong national government commitment is essential because each government is ultimately responsible for promoting the health of its population.

## The Administration and the Global Health Initiative

President Obama has committed to spending \$63 billion over six years on international health activities under the Global Health Initiative. This is a stunning level of investment and

## PEPFAR Latest Results

- Today, through global efforts, an estimated 4 million individuals in low- and middle-income countries have access to antiretroviral treatment. More than half of these men, women and children are supported by the American people.
- Through PEPFAR, the American people also have supported care for more than 10.1 million people worldwide, including more than 4 million orphans and vulnerable children.
- Nearly 240,000 babies have been born free of HIV thanks to programs supported by the American people to prevent mothers from passing the virus on to their children.
- The American people, through PEPFAR, supported nearly 57 million counseling and testing encounters through 2008.

a demonstration of this Administration's strong commitment to improving health in the developing world.

The Global Health Initiative will continue America's commitment to priorities like HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and will integrate current programs with those that address maternal and child health, family planning and neglected tropical diseases.